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Careful examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the helpful comments on the application and for the indication of the allowed claims and allowable subject matter.

According to the Office Action, claims 8, 9, 12, 14, 29, 30, 33, 35, 43, 44, 46, 48 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Published Application No. US2002/0144294 (Rabinowitz)

Further to the Office Action, claims 1-7, 15-28 and 36-42 were allowed.

Still further to the Office Action, claims 10, 11, 13, 31, 32 and 34 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

To expedite the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action, Applicant's claims are amended as follows in response to the Office Action.

The allowable subject matter of claim 11 is incorporated into independent claim 8, thereby making claim 8 and dependent claims 9 and 12-14 allowable.

The allowable subject matter of claim 10 is combined with the subject matter of claim 8, thereby making new claim 50 allowable.

Similarly, the allowable subject matter of claim 32 is incorporated into independent claim 30, thereby making claim 30 and dependent claims 33-35 allowable.

The allowable subject matter of claim 31 is combined with the subject matter of claim 30, thereby making new claim 51 allowable.


It is respectfully submitted that claims 43-49, as amended, contain features that were found allowable in claims 10, 11, 13, 31, 31 and 34. For that reason, claims 43-49 are also allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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